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aggressive and protective of their prerogatives don't get kicked around to the extent that this Legislature does, do they?

SENATOR WILL: I think that's probably true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I appreciate that discussion and it kind of ties into still the raising of revenue and all of the other things which we as a lawmaking body would be empowered to do and which we have an obligation to do. I think the Legislature as an institution has as much obligation to protect and preserve itself as a living creature has to preserve itself. Built into living creatures is an instinct for self-preservation. Even in most human beings, the reason I say in most, there are some who don't get everything in the way of equipment that they need so there are things they don't understand. But for those who understand and perceive what life is about and what we're here for, we may not all say the same reason...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...will know that the only time they can function is when they're here, so the first principle is that of maintaining self, maintaining health, maintaining the wherewithal to function. If we analogize from that to the Legislature, we must do the same thing, and one thing that will help us function better is to put the local governments in a position to raise some revenue so they won't have to come here and ask for as much and a step in that direction would be to take away the exemption for business and agricultural inventory. Since we can only tax sales and income, we wouldn't be taxing their inventory. It would be a state, I meant a local prerogative and I don't see that as a bad thing. So I'm trying to amend my amendment so that it does not require a vote of anybody in the county, it simply strikes the exemption...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...statewide.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would like to take one second and introduce guests Senator Hillman has. In the south balcony. We have five FHA participants from Bridgeport and their sponsor. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Wehrbein.